

December 27, 2017

Astoria Station Local Review Committee  
Gary Jaeger, Chair  
PO Box 616  
Clear Lake, SD 57226

Ms. Kristen N. Edwards  
Staff Attorney  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: EL 17-017 LOCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE ASTORIA STATION  
PROPOSED BY OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY

Dear Ms. Edwards:

The Local Review Committee for the Astoria Station Energy Conversion Facility to be located in Deuel County near Astoria, SD has completed their required report and is hereby transmitting it to the SD PUC in PDF form by email. A thumb drive with the report will be sent by USPS to your office. The Committee was unanimous in its findings. We received excellent cooperation from the entities contacted in Deuel and Brookings Counties.

All of the items identified by the LRC as concerns are already in the process of being studied or initiated. With the requested mitigation I can say that the local community supports the Astoria Station Energy Conversion Project and is looking forward to the economic benefits that it will generate for the area.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Jaeger". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Gary Jaeger,  
Chair of the Astoria Station LRC